



Student Travel Resources

The following resources are designed to assist Loyola Marymount University students as they prepare to study, intern, volunteer, or travel abroad on university endorsed and approved activities.

International SOS

International SOS provides emergency support to students participating in Loyola Marymount University endorsed and sponsored programs and activities. International SOS coordinates with the university's international insurance provider [CHUBB](#) for health care needs overseas. More information can be found at:

<https://finance.lmu.edu/risk/programs/travel/internationalsos/>

Your trip must be registered with International SOS before it begins.

To register your trip:

[MyTrips](#): Register as a "New User", and you will be able to log in using your LMU credentials. Input your data as prompted.

REMINDER: International SOS is only available to LMU students who have received official approval to study, intern, or volunteer abroad by a Loyola Marymount University college or administrative unit and who have submitted the Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability form mentioned below.

Overseas Destinations

Research your destination on the [International SOS website](#). The university's Member ID is 11BCAS392729.

Research your destination's safety and security status on the [US State Department website](#).

- Any Level 3 Travel Advisory requires careful vetting and it's possible the university will not sanction a trip to this area of the world.
- The university does not allow trips to Level 4 countries while on university business.

The U.S. Department of State has determined that some countries are state sponsors of terrorism. Travel to [these countries](#) is not allowed.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has imposed economic sanctions on [certain countries](#).

Travel to countries with a U.S. State Department Level 3 Travel Advisory or OFAC sanction must be approved by LMU Risk Management. If approved, restrictions may apply.

For further guidance regarding travel destinations, contact Doug Moore at: douglas.moore@lmu.edu

Emergency Contacts

Ensure that one or more individuals has your itinerary and can reach you while you are abroad. Research communication options for the destination countries and plan ahead regarding communication options to reach your emergency contacts.

Register your trip with the [U.S. Department of State STEP](#) process so that U.S. Embassies can help locate you abroad in an emergency.

Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

All students must carefully read and sign this [Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability](#) form. This document must be forwarded to Doug Moore, the university's risk manager, at douglas.moore@lmu.edu prior to the program start date.

Transportation and Accommodations

Utilize a reputable travel agent or industry-standard airline for all required flights.

Utilize transportation services from established transportation companies.

Book accommodations with established hotels that provide clear cancellation policies, email, and phone contact.

Review the [LMU Travel Safety Policy](#).

Pre-Departure Preparations

Review safety information on the destination country/countries: [International SOS](#) and [U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories](#).

Review health guidelines and vaccination recommendations provided by the [Center for Disease Control](#) for the locations you will be visiting.

Be aware of LMU's COVID-19 [policy and recommendations](#).

Consult with your physician regarding your current health and any considerations for your time overseas.

Be certain to bring all prescription medication in your carry-on luggage and sufficient supply for your time overseas.

You are encouraged to retain your U.S. insurance during your time overseas so that you have sufficient and supplemental coverage, particularly in case of pre-and post-health conditions.

Consider purchasing international trip insurance for possible pre-travel emergencies. Some credit cards may also offer this benefit if your travel was purchased using their credit card.

Be certain to bring a copy of their passport and keep it in a secure location separate from your original passport. If your passport is stolen, the photocopy can facilitate obtaining a replacement passport.

These are additional valuable resources to prepare you for your time abroad.

- The U.S. Department of State has a comprehensive website site dedicated to [international travel considerations](#), including a section dedicated to [U.S. Students Abroad](#).
- [The World Health Organization](#): A valuable resource on emerging health conditions.

University International Travel Safety Suspension

In its sole and absolute discretion, LMU reserves the right to suspend all international travel, including previously-approved and/or travel currently underway. When assessing the health and safety conditions, in addition to other sources of evidence of potential risk to travelers, LMU gives primary consideration to the risks articulated by:

- Global, national, state, and local advisories, restrictions, and guidance from public health officials;
- U.S. Department of State (DOS) Travel Advisory Levels;
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Travel Health Levels, including COVID-19 Health Notices;
- World Health Organization (WHO);
- U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC);
- International SOS (ISOS) Country Reports;
- Countries and locations excluded from coverage by the university's emergency medical/security insurance policy.